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Early week prices in all areas were higher on extra large and large, mediums unchanged. As the week progressed, New York prices continued higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on the mediums while all other areas, prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand was moderate to very good, best where holiday promotions stimulated additional interest. Supplies were sufficient to available for mediums and adequate to balanced for the larger sizes. Breaking stock prices along with check and undergrade prices were unchanged. Demand was light while offerings of heavy breaking stock were light to adequate with lighter weight breaking stock offerings fully adequate. Light type hen offerings were adequate for the moderate to fairly good demand. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were 0-5 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices for producers in IA-MN-WI were 3 cents higher for large. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was usually fully steady to firm. Cartoned egg demand was good to very good with features for the Thanksgiving holiday providing the best customer interest. Food service movement was seasonably moderate. Supplies were adequate to close for the larger sizes and fully adequate to available for the lighter weight eggs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light while offerings of heavy breaking stock were light to adequate with lighter weight breaking stock offerings continuing fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	55-64	59-61
LARGE	55-63	57-60
MEDIUM	34-40	37-39

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, western NY, and western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however the larger sizes were trending sharply higher. Trade sentiment was fully steady to mostly firm. Demand into all channels was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to close for full trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were short to balanced for a light demand. Spent hens were generally sufficient for processing needs.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	61-75	63-67
LARGE	56-70	61-65
MEDIUM	35-48	40-42

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, and VT

COMBINED REGIONAL

Nov 12, 2004

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	56.50	55.00	41.00
SOUTHEAST	56.50	54.50	40.00
MIDWEST	51.00	49.50	38.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	57.50	56.50	41.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	55.44	53.98	40.17

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	11-16-04	11-09-04	11-18-03
Large	38-46	28-36	93-97
Medium	16-21	16-21	75-79

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-NOVEMBER 15, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO		SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	13.6	14.1	6.2	17.8	12.8	64.5
	Change	0.7	-1.9	0.0	3.6	1.8	7%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.5	35.9	12.9	34.7	39.1	148.1
	Change	3.4	-9.7	1.4	-0.5	3.1	-2%
Large	Curr Wk	72.3	100.8	59.2	127.8	76.8	436.9
	Change	7.8	-10.2	-9.4	-10.2	-20.4	-9%
Medium	Curr Wk	18.5	56.0	18.2	27.4	29.2	149.3
	Change	4.1	8.0	1.5	2.1	0.1	12%
Small	Curr Wk	5.0	23.0	2.9	7.3	5.4	43.6
	Change	1.0	-1.3	-0.6	1.4	0.2	2%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.3	40.6	8.5	15.2	6.9	76.5
	Change	0.9	12.1	-0.4	-1.6	-1.6	14%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	22.3	38.8	23.0	48.1	28.1	160.3
	Change	-6.7	-0.7	-3.4	-3.0	2.8	-6%
Total	Curr Wk	162.5	309.2	130.9	278.3	198.3	1079.2
Percent	Change	7%	-1%	-8%	-3%	-7%	-2%
TOTAL		Number of		Percent	Number of		
		Cases		Change	Cooperators		
Shell Egg				1079.2	-2%	173	
Shell Egg Breaking Stock				233.2	-7%	35	

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 13-NOV-04(LBS IN THOUSANDS)
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,262,174	30,599	11,648	6,354	2,133	4,494
PW	1,289,205	31,473	12,429	6,712	2,448	4,556
LY	1,194,814	30,398	10,171	5,501	1,548	4,263
% CHG PWK	-2	-3	-6	-5	-13	-1
% CHG LY	6	1	15	15	38	5
2004	55,900,142	1,326,780	538,445	290,958	121,710	192,050
2003	52,725,496	1,293,076	476,852	259,383	104,022	188,606
% CHG YTD	6	3	13	12	17	2

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.07	42.79	42.13
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.51	39.26	38.56

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	NOV 06	NOV 13	NOV 06	NOV 13
	Thousand			
AL	28,200	29,059	20,375	19,177
AR	27,142	29,931	*22,634	23,366
DE	3,809	3,464	5,694	5,719
FL	*1,300	1,317	1,495	1,615
GA	*30,880	32,706	*25,097	24,814
KY	*6,995	6,977	*4,853	5,267
LA	3,982	3,984	3,418	3,385
MD	8,504	8,316	4,244	4,042
MS	18,722	18,681	16,207	16,357
NC	17,058	17,076	*13,811	14,239
OK	6,255	6,251	5,460	4,720
PA	*3,886	3,841	*2,633	2,663
SC	4,387	4,542	*3,897	3,530
TX	14,795	14,391	11,513	10,967
VA	6,274	6,330	*5,028	5,270
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,632	18,199	*15,628	16,065
19 State Total	*199,821	205,065	*161,987	161,196
Previous Year Total	201,076	205,395	153,618	155,123
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	100	105	104

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 25-Dec-04 is estimated at 148.8 million head. This compares to 151.3 million head the previous week and to 147.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 114.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 65.73 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 11/11/04-11/17/04

CURRENT LDS 54.25 FUTURE LDS 78.75 TOTAL LDS 133.00

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	42.00	49.93	47.00	47.43	55.00	—	46.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W J	—	—	—	67.00	55.50	66.00	5.00
GL W XL	—	61.60	56.58	58.69	54.50	—	26.25
GL W LG	—	62.57	61.00	63.00	57.46	52.70	39.00
GL W MD	34.00	31.33	33.60	35.20	28.40	31.00	27.00
GL W SM	—	—	22.50	23.75	19.00	20.50	5.00
NRBS - 48	—	26.00	—	—	27.14	27.00	9.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 13-NOV-2004

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT CHG	
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
Atlanta	26.9	28.8	-7	5
Boston	3.2	3.2	0	-18
Chicago	64.0	61.7	4	33
Detroit	32.5	37.4	-13	22
Kansas City	3.1	8.4	-63	-30
Los Angeles	94.0	95.6	-2	5
New Orleans	7.3	9.0	-19	-14
New York	32.3	32.3	0	14
St. Louis	18.6	19.1	-3	-3
San Francisco	21.6	21.3	1	-2
Total	303.5	316.8	-4	10
4 Week Moving Avg.	302.1			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 13-NOV-04

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	2,403	2,885	48	2	5,338
Avg Wt	16.08	35.36	23.29	30.10	26.57
Last week	2,332	2,834	46	1	5,213
Same wk yr ago	2,541	3,250	74	23	5,888
Avg Wt	15.57	33.65	25.09	27.33	25.72
To-date/2004	79,258	116,045	2,364	313	197,980
To-date/2003	86,314	124,965	2,916	589	214,784

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

Week ending 13-NOV-04						
(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)						
—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS	
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	HEAD	AVG	LIVE WT
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD		
North East	766	-10	21.39	(A)	767	21.39
South Atlantic	793	3	29.48	(A)	794	29.48
North Central	2,355	6	31.13	(A)	2,355	31.13
South Central	691	4	18.62	(A)	691	18.62
West	731	6	21.67	(A)	731	21.67
U.S. total	5,336(B)	2	26.57	2	5,338	26.57

To-date
2004 197,667(B) 313 197,980

To-date
2003 214,195(B) 589 214,784

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 48,000; for the current year to date 2,364,000; for last year to date 2,916,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 13-Nov-04	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	161,965	1,516	1,534	3,050	485
Avg Wt	5.30	3.40	8.05	5.74	6.80
Last week	159,561	1,499	1,391	2,890	537
Same wk yr ago	157,078	1,126	1,656	2,782	416
Avg Wt	5.30	3.45	7.98	6.15	6.79
To-date/2004	7,074,371	61,789	61,469	123,258	21,126
To-date/2003	6,959,977	64,915	63,622	128,537	18,666

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 159.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 163.9 million head, or 4.8 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 20-Nov-04

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	11/20/04(1)	11/13/04
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
Broiler/fryer	161,742(2)	166,356
Light hens	1,472	1,595
Heavy hens	1,456	1,448
Total	164,670	169,399

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 20-Nov-04 is 154.1 million head compared to 153.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 162.1 million head or 8.0 million more than estimated available. For the week of 27-Nov-04 the estimated available is 153.1 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/
FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
October 9	163.6	165.1	99%	5.40
16	163.4	164.4	99%	5.46
23	164.1	163.9	100%	5.41
30	162.5	163.4	99%	5.33
November 6	161.5	162.0	100%	5.32
13	163.9	159.1	103%	5.30
Year to date	7160.3	7269.3	99%	
November 20		154.1		
27		153.1		

FINAL BROILER/FRYER Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 15-NOV-2004 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A		LDS	COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG		WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	58.00-61.00	61.13	44	62.83	81
Los Angeles	81.00	79.02	60	74.58	116
New York	60.00-63.00	62.02	29	64.39	64

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

Change from			
15-NOV-2004	08-NOV-2004	08-NOV-2004	17-NOV-2003
68.50	.83	67.67	64.79
NUMBER OF LOADS 557			

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	75-83	75	75.00	200
CENTRAL REGION 4/	77-80	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	79-81	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	71-77	73	73.00	440
CENTRAL REGION	71-76	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	74-78	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM	11/15/04	3,881	112,355	65,738
AM	11/01/04	4,173	138,953	65,304
CHG		-292	-26598	434
PCT CHG		-7%	-19%	1%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 15-NOV-04

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	8.25-15 CENTS/LB.	10.5-12	11.47
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	7.75-15 CENTS/LB.	10-11	10.62

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

LIGHT TYPE Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

REGIONS	REMOVAL COST	
	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	3-8	6-8
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	0-5	

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

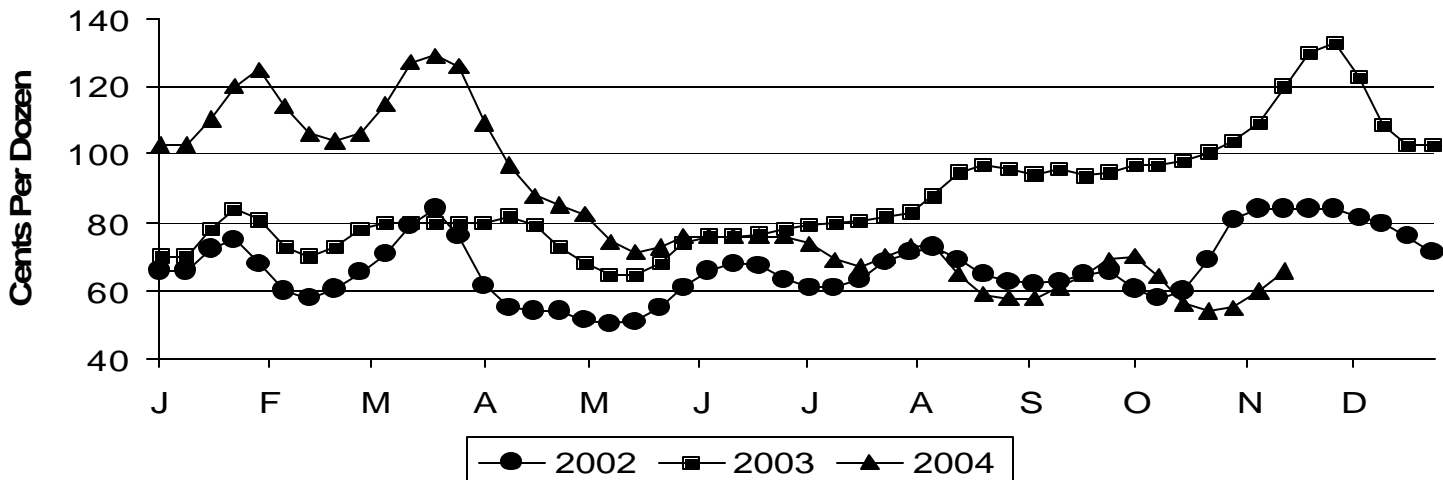
(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 13-Nov-04	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS		PW	LY
North Atlantic	250.0	-1	12
East North Central	612.5	5	8
West North Central	309.1	3	3
South Atlantic	223.8	0	-2
South Central	77.6	6	11
West	200.9	6	5
Total	1673.9	3	6

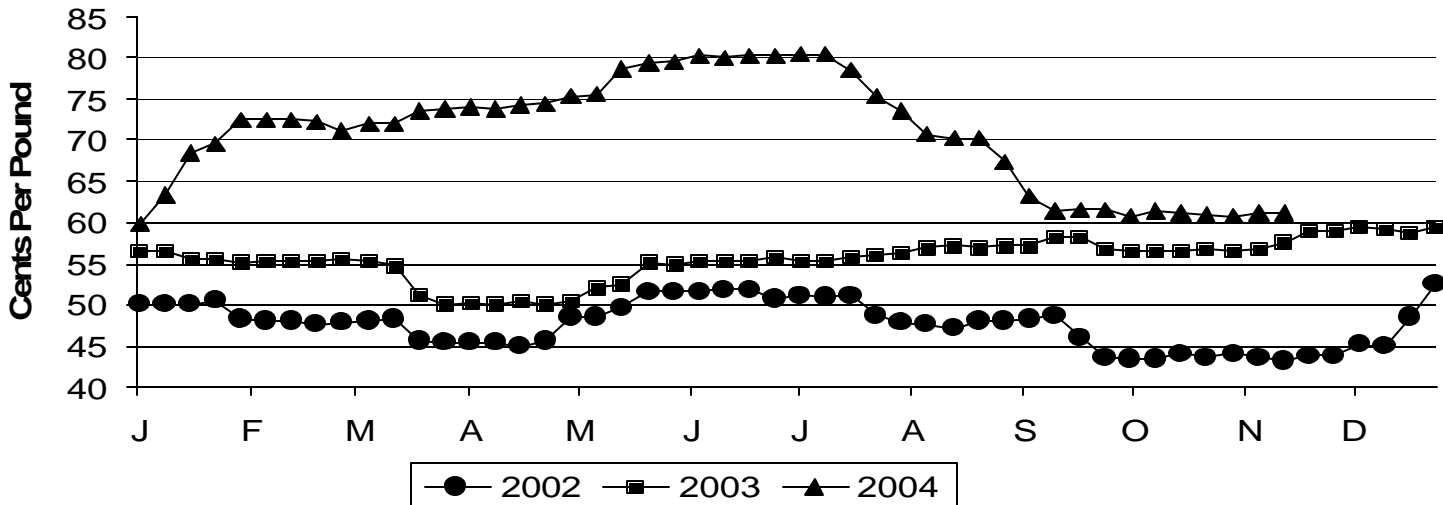
Matched Plants reporting Previous week 86
Last year 85

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)
West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

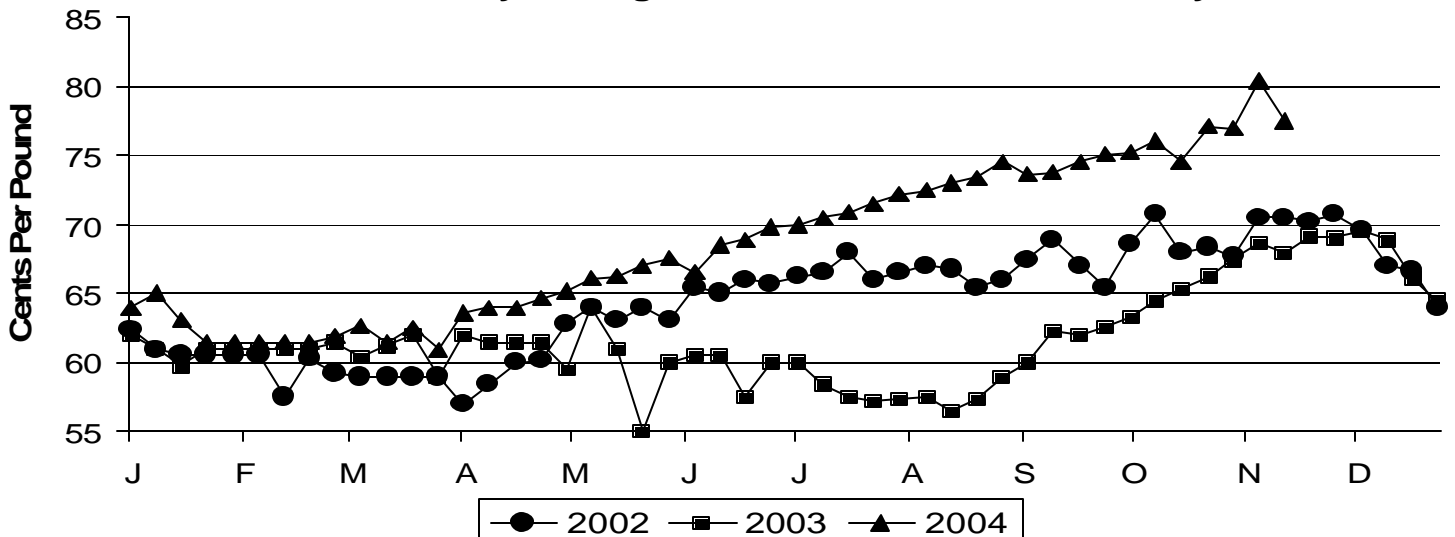
New York Large Weekly Average Price



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices



Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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